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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAMASCUS 1379 ACTION SECSTATE 10 MAR

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1379

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL DISCUSSES UNDOF RENEWAL

REF: DAMASCUS 1290

1. EXPANDING SOMEWHAT ON HIS COMMENTS TO UK AMBASSADOR
ROBERTS ABOUT SYRIA'S MINIMAL POSITION FOR RENEWAL
OF UNDOF (REFTEL), FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS JOYAYJATI TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 10 THAT
BE BELIEVED ANY SORT OF U.S. GESTURE TOWARD PLO WOULD
BE SUFFICIENT FOR ASAD TO SAY PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE
ON PARALLEL FRONTS, PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN, AND JUSTIFY
ANOTHER 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF UNDOF. EVEN THOUGH
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PRES. ASAD HAS MADE NO MENTION OF PLO IN HIS MARCH 8

SPEECH, AND EVEN THOUGH IT WAS BEING SAID IN SOME
QUARTERS THAT ASAD WAS FORESAKING PLO FOR HIS NEW
FRIEND KING HUSSEIN, JOUAYJATI SAID HE COULD ASSURE
U.S. THAT SIMULTANEOUS PROGRESS ON SYRIAN AND
PALESTINIAN FRONTS WAS STILL SYRIAN REQUIREMENT
FOR FURTHER STEPS IN PEACE PROCESS. PERHAPS, HE
ADDED, HUSSEIN WOULD BE ABLE TO CONVINCE U.S.
LEADERSHIP THAT PROGRESS ON THIS BASIS COULD BE
IN INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES.

2. SPECULATING ON WHAT SYRIA MIGHT DO IF BY MID-MAY
NO MOVEMENT HAD OCCURRED, JOUAYJATI VOICED POSSIBILITY
OF NEW UNSC DEBATE ON ME IN LATTER HALF OF MAY WITH
"UNITING FOR PEACE" PROCEDURE BROUGHT INTO PLAY
IF NO CONSENSUS ON SC RESOLUTION OBTAINED. THIS WOULD
PERMIT SYRIA TO RENEW "SINCE UN DEBATE ON MATTER WAS
IN PROCESS," HE SAID.

3. SUGGEST DEPT PASS AMMAN AND CAIRO.
MURPHY
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